

LISTING OF CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Canceled)
2. (Currently Amended) A modular kitchen appliance system comprising:
a base having a first receptacle and a second receptacle formed in a top surface
of said base;
at least a first motor contained within said base;
a vessel supported in said first receptacle of said base, said vessel including a
blade assembly adapted for coupling to said first motor;
a hand-held appliance removably supported in said second receptacle of said
base, said appliance having a first end for receiving a shaft of an appliance attachment; and
as defined in Claim 1, further comprising a flexible drive cable defining a first
end, a second end and a longitudinal axis, said second end being received by a second end of
said hand-held appliance and being securable to said shaft of said appliance attachment for
imparting a rotary motion to said appliance attachment.
3. (Original) A modular kitchen appliance system as defined in Claim 2, wherein said first end of said flexible drive cable is coupled to said first motor, said first motor pivoting said flexible drive cable with respect to said longitudinal axis thereby imparting said rotary motion to said appliance attachment.
4. (Original) A modular kitchen appliance system as defined in Claim 2, further comprising a second motor contained within said base, wherein said first end of said flexible drive cable is coupled to said second motor, said second motor pivoting said flexible drive

cable with respect to said longitudinal axis thereby imparting said rotary motion to said appliance attachment.

5. (Currently Amended) A modular kitchen appliance system comprising:
a base having a first receptacle and a second receptacle formed in a top surface of said base;
at least a first motor contained within said base;
a vessel supported in said first receptacle of said base, said vessel including a blade assembly adapted for coupling to said first motor;
a hand-held appliance removably supported in said second receptacle of said base, said appliance having a first end for receiving a shaft of an appliance attachment; and
as defined in Claim 1, further comprising an appliance attachment including a shaft adapted to be removably received in said first end of said appliance, and wherein said base includes a third receptacle formed in said top surface thereof for supporting said appliance attachment.
6. (Original) A modular kitchen appliance system as defined in Claim 2, wherein said base further includes an interior storage compartment for storing said flexible drive cable in a coiled retracted position.
7. (Original) A modular kitchen appliance system as defined in Claim 6, wherein said interior storage compartment is provided with a cable retraction mechanism for alternately feeding and retracting the flexible drive cable to desired lengths outside of said base.
8. (Original) A modular kitchen appliance system as defined in Claim 7, wherein said base includes a cable retraction button for activating said cable retraction mechanism.

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9. (Original) A modular kitchen appliance system as defined in Claim 6, wherein said interior storage compartment defines an opening in said base through which said flexible drive cable may be withdrawn and retracted, said storage compartment including a wiper bushing disposed in said opening for cleaning debris from said flexible drive cable during retraction of said cable into said interior storage compartment.

10. (Original) A modular kitchen appliance system as defined in Claim 4, wherein said base includes a toggle switch for switching between said first and second motors.

11. (Original) A modular kitchen appliance system as defined in Claim 2, wherein said hand-held appliance includes a handle having a first button for releasing said appliance attachment from said first end of said appliance and a second button for alternately starting and stopping said rotary motion imparted on said appliance attachment by said flexible drive cable.

12. (Currently Amended) A modular kitchen appliance system comprising:
a base having a first receptacle and a second receptacle formed in a top surface
of said base;
at least a first motor contained within said base;
a vessel supported in said first receptacle of said base, said vessel including a
blade assembly adapted for coupling to said first motor; and
a hand-held appliance removably supported in said second receptacle of said
base, said appliance having a first end for receiving a shaft of an appliance attachment, and as
defined in Claim 1, wherein said hand-held appliance includes a second motor contained therein for imparting a rotary motion to said appliance attachment.

13. (Original) A modular kitchen appliance system as defined in Claim 12, wherein said hand-held appliance includes a power source for powering said second motor.

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14. (Original) A modular kitchen appliance system as defined in Claim 13, wherein said power source is a rechargeable battery.

15. (Original) A modular kitchen appliance system as defined in Claim 13, wherein said base further includes a battery charging circuit contained therein, and said battery of said hand-held appliance being recharged by said battery charging circuit when said appliance is supported in said second receptacle of said base.

16. (Canceled)

17. (Canceled)

18. (Canceled)

19. (Canceled)

20. (Currently Amended) A modular kitchen appliance system comprising:
a base having a first receptacle and a second receptacle formed in a top surface of said base;
at least a first motor contained within said base;
a vessel supported in said first receptacle of said base, said vessel including a blade assembly adapted for coupling to said first motor; and
a hand-held appliance removably supported in said second receptacle of said base, said appliance having a first end for receiving a shaft of an appliance attachment, said hand-held appliance housing a drive assembly and a power source and said appliance being in electrical communication with said base, and as defined in Claim 16, wherein said drive assembly includes a motor and said power source includes a battery.

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21. (Currently Amended) A modular kitchen appliance system as defined in Claim 20 ~~21~~, wherein said base further includes a battery charging circuit contained therein, and said battery of said hand-held appliance being recharged by said battery charging circuit when said appliance is supported in said second receptacle of said base.

22. (Canceled)